

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

CITY OF LINCOLN

MINUTES MARCH 7, 2018 MEETING

ATTENDEES: Committee - Jim Datzman, Dave Fear, Alex Floyd, Dan Gilliam, Paul Harrison, Roger Ueltzen & Kelly Velasco **Staff** – Scott Boynton, Doug Brown & Jennifer Hanson **Council Representative** - Gabriel Hydrick

ABSENT: Richard Moore & Tim Monelo

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – @ 5:00 PM
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE** - None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – January 17, 2018 meeting minutes approved unanimously
5. **PRESENTATIONS** - None

ITEMS DISCUSSED AND ACTION NOTED:

6. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **OFFICER NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS** – Richard Moore was unanimously elected to a second term as Committee Chair and Kelly Velasco was unanimously elected to a second term as Vice Chair.
- b. **FACILITY FEE WAIVER POLICY** – Jennifer Hanson led the discussion of the policy document and received committee support for the document as presented with two additions to the application page as follows: - Doug Brown to try to add another line in the FOR OFFICE USE BOX – titled Reason and a form identifier (date or a form number).

7. STAFF UPDATES

- a. **FUTURE PARK PLANS OVERVIEW – HANSON**
 - i. **Park Master Plan** – while the Recreational Facility Standards have been approved by the City Council the completion of a Park Master Plan Document has been stalled given higher priorities. Action schedule To Be Determined (TBD)
 - ii. **Bike Trail Master Plan** – being developed by the Cities Engineering Department – status unknown
 - iii. **Creekside Park** – discussions with the School District re the joint use of the Creekside Elementary School park area is stalled awaiting the resolution of City/School District discussions re the new elementary school in Lincoln Crossing – off Calderon Circle & Brentford Circle.
 - iv. **Atkinson Park** – a new park off Venture Drive and Lakeside (northwest quadrant – out toward the airport) – is ~85% complete. Kids play structure is in place as is all the sod. To be completed in the near future is the addition of a water fountain and a picnic table with a shade structure.

SIDE DISCUSSION – Staff and Committee agreed that all open areas in future neighborhood parks should be level so as to allow for local sports “pick up” activities.

HOW DO WE ENSURE THAT THIS HAPPENS?

- v. Robert Jiminez Park – the completion of the park (adding 2 baseball/softball fields and a long field for soccer, etc.) is now projected to be in the fiscal year 20/21 time frame.
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- b. 10 MINUTE WALK CAMPAIGN – HANSON
The Mayor’s letter of support has been submitted. Jennifer has been listed as the primary City contact re additional action – but has yet to hear from anyone – Ueltzen to follow up.
- c. FIELD SPONSORSHIP – BROWN
Doug gave a brief report on how the program was doing. Have had a few re-newels – but this is still a work in progress. Have had one new sponsor with a few good prospects being pursued.
- d. MCBEAN STADIUM FIELD USE PACKET/AGREEMENT – BROWN
Doug presented the new agreement – well done, and well received. While there are special agreements with William Jessup University (WJU) and the Potters Baseball Club, the Rules and Regulations in this agreement are the same as in the special agreements. Councilmen Hydrick suggested that the agreement be shared with WJU – staff to handle.

8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- a. 2018 ACTION PLAN (TIMELINE, GOALS & ASSESSMENT ACTION) – UELTZEN
Roger briefly reviewed the action plan and requested that staff REVIEW THE Assessment Action section and fill in the missing target completion dates – mainly in the Facilities Assessment section.
- b. NEWS MESSENGER ARTICLES - DATZMAN
Jim reported that his tennis article should be in this week’s Messenger – and it is and is really good. Jim’s next article is going to focus on the breadth of baseball & softball taking place in Lincoln.

Dan Gilliam suggested that we add a General Discussion section to our meetings which we have done.

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

- a. Unsafe condition at Coyote Pond - staff reported that they are still working on finding a sustainable cost-effective solution – will keep the committee advised.
- b. Damage to the parks - from flying drones and/or riding motorized vehicles in the parks. Staff plans to begin adding control signage in the parks in about 2 weeks.
- c. Reclaimed water at Foskett Regional Park – turn on is still pending – waiting for a couple of ordinance changes.

10. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: June 6, 2018

11. ADJOURNMENT at ~6:15 PM